

(2) was not the increment in the price effected when the British Government increased the prices of post cards and covers;

(3) why is the registration of V. P's made compulsory;

(4) do the V. P's require compulsory registration in the British;

(5) whether the fact that a book costing 2 annas will have to be paid 6 annas has ever been considered by the Government;

(6) whether the Government has considered the necessity for retaining the extra clerks in Irinjalakkuda and Trichur and the clerks in Chittur and Vadakkancheri;

(7) whether the finances of the Department will be prejudicially affected if the prices of cards and covers are made 2 ps. and 4 ps. as before if the extra hands are dispensed with?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(1) No.

(2) Yes.

(3) To safeguard the contents.

(4) Yes.

(5) A registration fee of 2 annas has to be paid on every V. P. article at the time of posting irrespective of the cost of the articles sent.

(6) There are no extra clerks in the anchal offices referred to.

(7) The question does not arise in view of the answer to (6).

Civil Procedure Code Amendment Bill.

494. Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the Council:—

(a) at what stage the Civil Procedure Code Amendment Bill introduced by it in the last Council stands at present;

(b) why the Government has not taken any steps during the last Vrischigam meeting of the Legislative Session of this Council for the further progress of the Bill through the Council;

(c) has the Government any idea of taking steps for the further progress of the Bill during the Kumbham meeting of the Council;

(d) is not the Government aware that the question of amending the Civil Procedure Code has been pending unduly long with the Government?

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—(a) The Bill is under the consideration of the Select Committee.

(b) There was no particular reason.

(c) Vide answer to (a).

(d) Not unduly long.